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In re Application of
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For: SIGNAL AMPLIFYING CIRCUIT IN CCD
CAMERA

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed May 17, 2001.

A petition for accelerated examination under MPEP 708.02, VIII, must:

- (1) be filed prior to receiving any examination by the examiner,
- (2) be accompanied by the required fee- \$130,
- (3) the claims should be directed to a single invention (if it is determined that the claims pertain to more than one invention, then applicant will have to make an election without traverse or forfeit accelerated examination status),
- (4) state that a pre-examination search was made, and fully discuss the search method employed, such as classes and subclasses searched, publications, Chemical abstracts, patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement,
- (5) be accompanied by a copy of each of the references most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record,
- (6) fully discuss the references, pointing out with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The petition meets all the above-listed requirements.

Accordingly, the petition is **granted**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

This application file will be forwarded to the examiner of record for expedited prosecution.

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